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2015/16 Catcher Vessel Observer Coverage for Bristol Bay Red King, Bering Sea Snow and Eastern and Western Bering Sea Tanner Crab Fisheries

This news release lists catcher vessels selected from preseason vessel registrations for observer coverage during the 2015/16 Bristol Bay red king, Bering Sea snow, and Eastern and Western Bering Sea Tanner crab fisheries. Total allowable catches (TAC) will be announced in subsequent news releases; this news release does not guarantee that a fishery will open during the 2015/16 season.

Selected catcher vessels will be required to carry a crab observer during 100 percent of fishing activities in a designated fishery. If a selected vessel does not participate, a vessel from the alternate list may carry an observer. If the alternate list is exhausted during a fishery or in the case of extenuating circumstances, all vessels that are actively fishing may be considered to achieve target observer coverage levels. Late registrants may be required to carry an observer.

Catcher vessel observer costs will be covered using a combination of ADF&G cost-recovery funds and federal funds. The state-contracted observer company Saltwater Inc. will provide observers for catcher vessels in the Bristol Bay red king, Bering Sea snow, and Eastern and Western Bering Sea Tanner crab fisheries.

Processing vessels arrange and pay for their own observer coverage. However, provisions are available for catcher-processor vessels to receive reimbursement from ADF&G for 20 percent of their observer costs for Bristol Bay red king crab, and 30 percent of observer costs for Bering Sea snow and Tanner crab. For more information please contact the ADF&G Dutch Harbor observer program office.

All vessels participating in Bering Sea crab fisheries, including those vessels selected to carry an observer, must display proof of compliance with United States Coast Guard (USCG) vessel

safety requirements. USCG dockside examinations are available in Seattle, Kodiak, and Dutch Harbor. USCG can be contacted at: (907) 581-3466 ext. 1 or (907) 359-1575 (after hours).

Observers will have their own rain gear, boots, gloves, survival suit, personal flotation device, bedding and personal items.

For vessels that carry observers, some of the regulatory requirements for the vessel operator include:

- Provide food and accommodations for the observer equal to that of the vessel's crew;
- Provide to the observer daily catch information for each string of fishing gear including pot locations, statistical areas fished, number of pots lifted, number of crab retained, and other information specified by ADF&G;
- Provide a safe work area for the observer to sample that is not regularly crowded with crab pots;
- Provide five totes for the observer to use at all times to hold the contents of crab pots for sampling;
- Assure observer access to single side band (SSB) radio, fax, email, satellite dispatch, or telephone.

The captain or agent of a selected vessel is responsible for contacting Saltwater Inc. at (907) 539-2548 to provide their vessel's fishing plans and coordinate observer coverage. **Failure to provide a minimum of 10 days prior notice may delay fishing operations.**

The lists of catcher vessels and alternate vessels selected to carry crab observers for Bristol Bay red king, Bering Sea snow, and Eastern and Western Bering Sea Tanner crab fisheries are as follows:

BRISTOL BAY RED KING CRAB*Publication of this list does not guarantee that a fishery will open***Selected Vessels**

<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>ADFG#</u>
Bering Sea	00052
Determined	35306
Wassilie B	41715
American Lady	00067
Sea Star	00997
Early Dawn	00103
Fierce Allegiance	55111
Constellation	35629
Paragon	20734
Ballyhoo	03645
Billikin	20745
Wizard	35265
North American	25216
Rollo	00030
Trailblazer	33704
Ramblin Rose	59686

Alternates

<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>ADFG#</u>
Scandies Rose	35318
Storm Bird	46854
Pacific Mariner	00007
Island Mist	61791
Keta	07189
Bering Star	04147
Polar Lady	36822
Kustatan	60210

BERING SEA SNOW CRAB*Publication of this list does not guarantee that a fishery will open*

Selected Vessels		Alternates	
<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>ADFG#</u>	<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>ADFG#</u>
Polar Sea	00303	Tempo Sea	40817
Sandra Five	70770	Arctic Lady	37210
Scandies Rose	35318	Farrar Sea	61954
Big Blue	37241	Rollo	00030
Kustatan	60210	Viekoda Bay	57971
Western Mariner	00963	American Lady	00067
Pacific Sun	35977	Constellation	35629
Bristol Mariner	08411	Northwestern	29962
Billikin	20745	Barbara J	44971
Ramblin Rose	59686	Wizard	35265
Aleutian Mariner	35844	Island Mist	61791
Southern Wind	40921	Seabrooke	36800
Silver Dolphin	00121		
Confidence	06946		
Victory	77084		
Jennifer A	35277		
Brenna A	38923		
Incentive	63000		
North Sea	36047		
Aleutian Lady	56126		
Storm Bird	46854		
Kevleen K	00960		
Farwest Leader	35683		
Patricia Lee	35767		

EASTERN BERING SEA TANNER CRAB*Publication of this list does not guarantee that a fishery will open*

Due to the high number of vessels that preseason registered for this fishery compared to prior year participation levels, all vessels that preseason registered for Eastern Bering Sea Tanner crab are listed and should be prepared to carry an observer.

<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>ADFG#</u>	<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>ADFG#</u>
Adventure	00965	Kodiak	03525
Alaska Challenger	04100	Kona Kai	51347
Aleutian Lady	56126	Kustatan	60210
Aleutian Mariner	35844	Melanie	20363
Aleutian Sable	72318	Nordic Mariner	00222
American Lady	00067	North American	25216
Arctic Lady	37210	North Sea	36047
Arctic Mariner	31792	Northwestern	29962
Arctic Sea	33696	Nuka Island	35640
Atlantico	00037	Ocean Fury	00097
Ballyhoo	03645	Ocean Hunter	40924
Barbara J	44971	Pacific Mariner	00007
Bering Hunter	60865	Pacific Sounder	00991
Bering Sea	00052	Pacific Sun	35977
Bering Star	04147	Paragon	20734
Billikin	20745	Pinnacle	71174
Brenna A	38923	Polar Lady	36822
Bristol Mariner	08411	Polar Sea	00303
Cape Caution	46309	Ramblin Rose	59686
Cascade Mariner	00064	Rollo	00030
Confidence	06946	Saga	11022
Constellation	35629	Sandra Five	70770
Cornelia Marie	59109	Scandies Rose	35318
Destination	42234	Sea Star	00997
Determined	35306	Seabrooke	36800
Early Dawn	00103	Silver Dolphin	00121
Farrar Sea	61954	Silver Spray	60860
Farwest Leader	35683	Southern Wind	40921
Fierce Allegiance	55111	Storm Bird	46854
Guardian	61571	Tempo Sea	40817
Handler	62436	Trailblazer	33704
Island Mist	61791	Valiant	00996
Jennifer A	35277	Victory	77084
Kari Marie	50501	Viekoda Bay	57971
Karin Lynn	00524	Wassilie B.	41715
Keta	07189	Western Mariner	00963
Kevleen K	00960	Wizard	35265
Kiska Sea	61154	Zone Five	61718

WESTERN BERING SEA TANNER CRAB*Publication of this list does not guarantee that a fishery will open*

Due to the high number of vessels that preseason registered for this fishery compared to prior year participation levels, all vessels that preseason registered for Western Bering Sea Tanner crab are listed and should be prepared to carry an observer.

<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>ADFG#</u>	<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>ADFG#</u>
Adventure	00965	Kiska Sea	61154
Alaska Challenger	04100	Kodiak	03525
Aleutian Lady	56126	Kona Kai	51347
Aleutian Mariner	35844	Kustatan	60210
Aleutian Sable	72318	Melanie	20363
American Lady	00067	Nordic Mariner	00222
Arctic Lady	37210	North American	25216
Arctic Mariner	31792	North Sea	36047
Arctic Sea	33696	Ocean Hunter	40924
Atlantico	00037	Pacific Mariner	00007
Ballyhoo	03645	Pacific Sounder	00991
Barbara J	44971	Pacific Sun	35977
Bering Hunter	60865	Paragon	20734
Bering Sea	00052	Patricia Lee	35767
Bering Star	04147	Pinnacle	71174
Billikin	20745	Polar Lady	36822
Brenna A	38923	Polar Sea	00303
Bristol Mariner	08411	Ramblin Rose	59686
Cape Caution	46309	Rollo	00030
Cascade Mariner	00064	Saga	11022
Confidence	06946	Sandra Five	70770
Constellation	35629	Scandies Rose	35318
Cornelia Marie	59109	Sea Star	00997
Destination	42234	Seabrooke	36800
Determined	35306	Silver Dolphin	00121
Early Dawn	00103	Silver Spray	60860
Farrar Sea	61954	Southern Wind	40921
Farwest Leader	35683	Storm Bird	46854
Fierce Allegiance	55111	Tempo Sea	40817
Guardian	61571	Trailblazer	33704
Handler	62436	Valiant	00996
Island Mist	61791	Victory	77084
Jennifer A	35277	Viekoda Bay	57971
Kari Marie	50501	Wassilie B.	41715
Karin Lynn	00524	Western Mariner	00963
Keta	07189	Wizard	35265
Kevleen K	00960	Zone Five	61718